

(b) and (c) Action to select suitable land sites has been initiated and orders for supply of major equipment in respect of the projects at Hinganghat and Khamgaon have been placed. All the three transmitters have been planned to be commissioned into service in the latter half of 1992.

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Increase in capacity of Doordarshan Kendra at Akola

2122. **SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Doordarshan Kendra at Akola in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to increase the radiating power of the low power TV transmitter functioning at Akola. However, plans have been made to set up another low power TV transmitter in the area for improvement of coverage of the district.

English

Connecting villages with all weather roads

2123. **SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:**

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages connected with all weather roads as on April 1, 1991, State-wise;

(b) the target for connecting villages with roads during 1991-92, State-wise;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been formulated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (d) Construction of rural roads is basically the responsibility of the State Governments and is covered under the State-Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). Information in this regard is being collected from the respective State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House shortly.

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Selling of sub-standard goods by Kendriya Bhandar Stores

2124. **SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the stores of Kendriya Bhandar are selling sub-standard goods;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that the stores of Kendriya Bhandar at Peshwa Road, Gole Market is selling often very inferior and contaminated pulses and also runs short of goods and that the consumers are not treated properly;

(c) whether it is a fact that contaminated and fostered pulses are washed and dried and then sold and if so, the action being taken against guilty salesmen; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the functioning of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Complaints about the Kendriya Bhandar selling sub-standard goods have been brought to the notice of the Government in the past. The Bhandar's manage-

ment had been directed to look into these complaints. The investigation conducted by the management revealed that these complaints were without substance. The Kendriya Bhandar is known for selling quality goods at reasonable prices. It has three branch stores in the Gole Market area viz. at Peshwa Road, DIZ Area and at Kali Bari. No specific complaint about the quality of pulses or about the behaviour of the sales staff have been received regarding these stores. It may also be pointed out that there is no shortage of essential commodities at these stores. The supply position and working of the stores is constantly monitored and corrective action taken where necessary.

[Translation]

Food Processing Industries Ministries in States

2125. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the States to constitute a separate Ministry of Food Processing Industries so that the export of agriculture produce and processed fruits could be made from all the States;

(b) if so, the reaction of State Governments thereto; and

(c) the names of the States which have not constituted separate Ministry of Food Processing Industries so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries had, however, requested State Governments to form Nodal Agencies to coordinate all activities connected with the development of food processing sector in the States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Production of Newsprint by National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Nepalnagar

2126. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Nepalnagar has produced less newsprint in comparison to the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Nepal Ltd. (formerly the National Newsprint and Paper Mills) produced 75,512 MT of newsprint during 1990-91 as against 51,575 MT in 1989-90.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Steps are on to further improve machine performance for better capacity utilisation.

[Translation]

Increase in storage capacity of essential commodities

2127. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the storage capacity of Essential Commodities for the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the storage capacity of wheat, rice, edible oil and sugar in the country, State-wise;

(d) the number of godowns constructed State-wise; during the last three years;